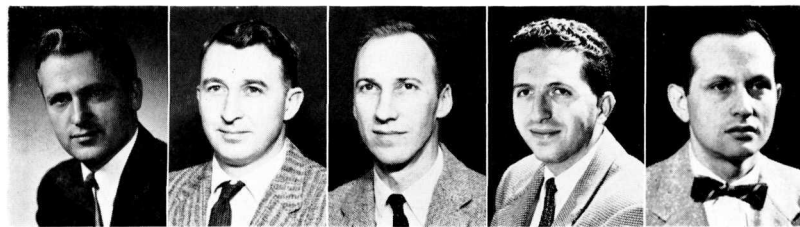


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New Responsibilities Assumed By Five In Manufacturing Administration, Field Engineering, R&E



A. TIEZZI

W. LAMPHIER

L. RICE

D. MANNHEIM

L. ADELSON

As the result of announcements made late last month, new responsibilities were assumed effective 1 January in Manufacturing Administration, Field Engineering and Research and Engineering.

Mr. Anthony Tiezzi assumed the newly-created position of Assistant to the Executive Vice-President of Manufacturing, Mr. E. L. Ward. He comes from Field Engineering where he served as a Product Specialist since coming to Sprague in October of 1957.

Assuming Mr. Tiezzi's former duties in Field Engineering was Walter C. Lamphier as a Field Engineer Product Specialist for all subminiature metal tubulars, all metallized capacitors, all film capacitors in metal cases, Prokar, military-grade PUM's and industrial oils at Brown Street other than Clorinol and Sandia.

In Research and Engineering, Livingston L. Rice became Section Head of Industrial Oil Engineering formerly Mr. Lamphier's responsibility.

Mr. Daniel Mannheim will be responsible for Mr. Rice's former duties as Section Head of Small Paper Capacitors and Nashua Film Capacitors.

In addition to his present duties, Leonard Adelson assumed Mr. Mannheim's responsibility for Paper and Molded Tubular Engineering for the Barre Plant.

Currently living in Stamford, Vermont, Mr. Tiezzi graduated from the

University of Connecticut in 1941. He is a registered professional Engineer in the State of Massachusetts, a former director of the Mt. Greylock Ski Club, a senior member of I. R. E. and a member of the Y. M. C. A. He is married to the former Mary Crossin of Pittsfield and they have two children, Laurence and Susan.

Mr. Lamphier is a native of Williamstown, attended Williamstown Public Schools and received his BA from Williams College in 1948. He joined Sprague upon graduation and has been a Research and Engineering Section Head. In 1953 he received his master's degree from Williams College under sponsorship of the Sprague Educational program. He served with the United States Navy from February 1943 to May 1946. He is a member of the Williamstown Lion's Club and the Williamstown Capital Outlay Committee. He is married to the former Mary Donato of Williamstown and they have two children, Deborah and Cynthia.

Born at Ancon, Panama Canal Zone, Livingston Rice joined Sprague on December 7, 1948 in the Research and Engineering Department. He has held several positions in the department since that time. Mr. Rice graduated from Gettysburg College in 1939 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and worked for various aircraft companies before his Navy service in 1945. Presently active in Rotary, he has been active in the Williamstown Community Association as a charter member, the School Community Council and a ham radio operators group.

He is married to the former Ann Wood of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and they have four daughters, Lynn Louise, a Freshman at Antioch College; Joann Lee; Susan Wood; and Patricia Ann. The Rice's make their home in Williamstown.

A native of Brooklyn, Daniel Mannheim graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1954 and attended graduate schools at the University of Connecticut, R. P. I. and Williams College. He joined Sprague in August of 1955 as a chemist and later was a Product Development Engineer and Section Head in Research and Engineering. He is a member of the American Chemical

Society and is currently working on his master's degree at Williams. He is married to the former Irene Stone of the Bronx and they have two children, Alan and Joel.

Mr. Adelson is a native of Boston, Massachusetts and received a degree in Chemical Engineering from Tufts College in 1950. Since joining Sprague in June 1952, he has held various duties in Research and Engineering as Junior Engineer and Section Head. He is a former member of the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the U. S. Navy from 1942 to 1945 as radio technician. The former Lillian Sheroff of Boston is his wife and they have two children, Nadine and Marcia.

Shields and Russell Promoted At Brown St.



J. SHIELDS

K. RUSSELL

Earlier this month the separation of the Industrial Oil Manufacturing Operations into Industrial Oils-Commercial and Industrial Oils-Military was announced by F. H. Potter, Factory Manager.

Mr. John Shields became superintendent of the Commercial unit with Kenneth Russell as General Foreman.

In the Military unit, Lewis Cronin continues as superintendent with John O'Leary as General Foreman assisting him.

"This revision is necessitated by the anticipation of increased activity in all phases of Industrial Oil Manufacturing during 1960", said Mr. Potter.

Formerly a general foreman and foreman in Industrial Oils from 1946 to 1959, John Shields also was foreman and supervisor in Resistors, a technician in Research and Engineering and supervisor in the Mica De-

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ROBERT C. SPRAGUE VIEWS 1960 WITH OPTIMISM

For the electronics industry and for Sprague Electric, 1959 proved to be a good year, a year which saw our Company's sales pass the \$50 million mark for the first time in its history. Happily, 1960 is starting out very well, and although it is always risky to try to predict the future, present indications are that Sprague will enjoy a high level of operations in the new year, with sales increasing to another new high.

The electronics industry entered 1959 with a feeling of optimism which subsequent events have demonstrated was well founded indeed. In the first half, comparisons with early 1958 proved to be very favorable for all segments of our business. A high rate of activity was maintained well into the second half despite the steel strike, although the effect of the latter on general industrial activity began to be reflected in a few places in the electronics industry over the past several months. For the year as a whole factory shipments of electronics products were about \$9.2 billion compared to about \$7.8 billion in 1958.

It has been estimated by those who follow trends in our industry closely that total industry sales in 1960 will cross the \$10 billion level for the first time. Here at Sprague Electric, we look for a gain in sales over 1959 at least comparable to the increase in industry sales, though probably not as large as our 1959 improvement.

Many of you realize that the biggest single market for our products is the defense program, and this is true to an even greater extent for the electronics industry as a whole.

Military electronic shipments continued to account for slightly more than half of the industry's dollar volume, having attained a level of \$5.0 billion compared to \$4.1 billion in 1958. The various missile programs consumed approximately \$1.4 billion worth of electronics, and represented some 40% of total missile spending. For the first time, this figure equaled electronics for manned aircraft, which declined slightly with the drop in aircraft procurement from \$8.4 billion to \$7.7 billion in the fiscal year ended last June. Spending for electronics and communications equipment other than airborne systems, at \$912 million, was the highest it has been since 1953, and is expected to reach a new high in excess of \$1 billion in the current fiscal year.

It seems probable that an increase on the order of 10% to more than \$6 billion is in prospect for the military electronics market in 1960. Looking a little farther into the future, I believe it is entirely reasonable that substantial increases will occur in military expenditures for electronics. Even assuming that the strenuous efforts currently being made to hold future defense budgets within the \$40-44 billion range are successful, it appears probable that military electronics procurement will rise to about the level of \$7.5 billion annually in the period 1962-1965. This would represent approximately 17% of each defense dollar against 13% currently.

At Sprague Electric these increases will be very widely felt, since the output of virtually all of our lines goes, in varying percentages of course, into military equipment.



ROBERT C. SPRAGUE

Another important market for our products is what we can call the home entertainment market. This covers all types of radios and television sets, phonographs and hi-fi equipment, tape and wire recorders. Many of our products are sold very largely for this market, including FP dries, paper tubulars of the types made in Barre and North Adams, and ceramic capacitors and printed circuits made in Nashua, Grafton and North Adams.

The home entertainment segment of our industry shared in the strong consumer demand that characterized 1959. Sales of television sets maintained a steady, high pace, and demand held up particularly well during the normally slow summer months. There is no evidence yet that the steel strike had much effect on the fall selling season, and total sales of sets at retail probably reached 5.8 million compared to 5.1 million under the depressed conditions of 1958.

It now seems probable that television set production in 1960 will be modestly larger than last year, while in radio a very substantial increase is

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U. Sheets Promoted To Manager At Ashe County Plant

The promotion of Urcle M. Sheets, Acting Manager of the Company's Ashe County plant, to Factory Manager with full responsibility for the plant's operation was announced late last month. The announcement was made by Robert S. Teeple, Factory Manager at North Adams who has directed the activities of the Ashe County plant since its inception in 1953.

Mr. Sheets assumed the duties of Acting Manager on the departure of Robert Parrish to the Company's operation at Concord, New Hampshire in July of this year. Prior to assuming the duties of Acting Manager, Mr. Sheets was in charge of the local plant's research and engineering activities as well as engineering quality control and sample departments.

Mr. Sheets graduated from Jefferson High School in 1945 as salutatorian of his class, following which he completed a tour of duty with the United States Navy. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1952 from Fairmont State College, Fairmont, West Virginia. After a short period of time with the Pittsburgh Coke and Chemical Company, he joined Sprague in early 1954. Mr. Sheets is married to the former Doris Snoderly and they reside on Route 1 in Jefferson with their two children, Urcle 2nd and Kimberly Ann.



NOTICE!

1960 parking stickers are now available for Marshall Street employees at the Personnel Office from Miss Collins and should be placed on the left rear window of your car by 1 February 1960. When applying for your sticker be sure to bring your car registration.

In order to simplify the parking of automobiles, the following areas have been designated for Marshall Street employees:

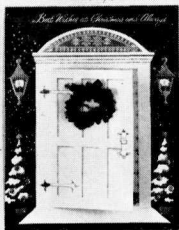
Marshall Street Lot — Production Personnel

Holden Street Lot — R & E and Office Personnel

River Street Lot — R & E, Office and Production Personnel

Picture Highlights

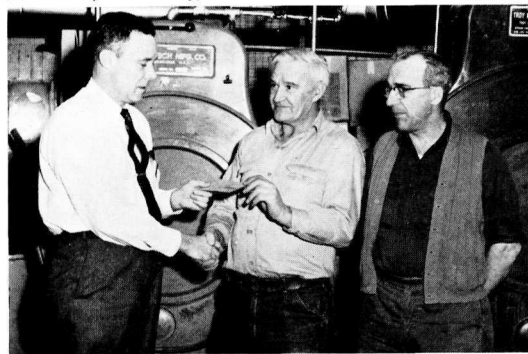
Merry Christmas



The Transistor Lab of Research and Engineering decided not to exchange Christmas cards within the department. Instead each contributed what they would have spent on the cards into a common fund. This money in turn was given to three charitable groups: the Salvation Army, the Santa Fund and the Monroe Prison Camp Christmas Fund with each receiving a check for \$25.



Louis Diamond, second from left, receives an attaché case presented by Edward Goodman, second from right, Department Head of Planning and Methods. The gift, from co-workers in Planning and Methods and Plant Engineering, was a departing gift for Lou who became "His Honor", mayor of North Adams. Looking on from l to r are: Frank Patterson, Howard Lee, Leon Beverly, Charles Jaeschke and David Monks.



William Douglas of Salvage receives a \$100 Suggestion Award Check from John Ortman, Manager of Engineering Services, as Herbert Hafner, Supervisor of Salvage, looks on.

William Douglas Awarded \$100 At December Suggestion Meeting

The Suggestion Committee at its December 23rd 1959 meeting awarded five employees for their ideas submitted through the Suggestion Program. \$180 was awarded, making a total of \$2275 for 1959.

William Douglas of General Salvage was the recipient of the largest award, \$100. He suggested an improved method of salvaging aluminum foil which saved time and was less work than the old method.

Celina Gigliotti of SPD Assembly and Edward Bassi of Maintenance each received \$25 for their ideas. Celina's idea was to substitute plexiglass in a potting operation. Through its use the potting life was in-

creased substantially, and the glass is reused again and again. Edward's idea was to put a handle on a sanding machine. This allows equal pressure to be exerted, resulting in a better unit.

The committee also voted two Special \$15 Awards. Roy Cook of FP Assembly was one of the recipients. He suggested a method of wrapping which eliminated air bubbles and wrinkling. Jane Pollock of SPD Sample and Small Orders received her award for a method which reduced the size of units, removed a manufacturing step and increased the rate of production.

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SEEBF Donates \$17,710 During 1959

During 1959 the Sprague Electric Employees Benefit Fund donated \$17,710 to charitable fund raising organizations and employees suffering severe hardships and misfortune.

The Fund is supported by your weekly contribution through voluntary payroll deduction. The donations made during the past year under the guidance of the Administrative Committee were as follows:

N.A. United Community Fund	\$13,000.00
Needy Employees Suffering Severe Hardship or Misfortune	1,300.00
National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Fund Inc.	1,350.00
Williamstown Community Chest	700.00
N.A. Cancer Fund, Inc.	660.00
N.A. Heart Fund, Inc.	150.00
Williamstown Red Cross Inc.	150.00
Adams Red Cross, Inc.	150.00
Williamstown Cancer Fund, Inc.	50.00
Adams Cancer Fund, Inc.	50.00
Stamford Red Cross, Inc.	45.00
Berkshire Council Boy Scouts of America Adams Branch	40.00
Williamstown Heart Fund Inc.	25.00
Stamford Cancer Fund, Inc.	25.00
Stamford Heart Fund, Inc.	15.00
	\$17,710.00

Names in the News

ROBERT C. SPRAGUE, Founder, Board Chairman and Treasurer, has been appointed to serve for a fifth year as chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

JULIAN K. SPRAGUE, President, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Security Analysts of San Francisco early in December.

RICHARD W. LORD, Section Head in Research & Engineering has completed a course in "Principles of Radar Circuits and Equipment" through the Philco Technological Center under the Company's educational sponsorship program.

FREDERICK H. WHITMAN, Manager of Wage & Salary Administration, was awarded a patent for a Xerographic method for depositing printed circuits on ceramic bases.

SIDNEY D. ROSS, Research Associate to R & E, was awarded a patent for a polymer inhibitor that increases the life of dielectric impregnants in paper capacitors.

PRESTON ROBINSON, Director-Consultant, was awarded a patent for a method of forming a more adherent oxide film on tantalum foil.

JOHN P. CAMPBELL, of Sales, RICHARD LORD, of R. & E., and BERNARD SCHENKER were awarded a patent on a compact axial lead filter construction utilizing a duct capacitor.

HENRY PUPPOLO, of Research and Engineering, was awarded a patent for a Teflon suspension for use in coating wire.

Keep Moving!

Charles F. Kettering, who had one of America's most inventive brains, said many useful discoveries have been accidents — the result of stumbling on one thing while searching for another.

"But," said Kettering, "no one ever stumbles while standing still. So we feel that unintelligent motion is more to be desired than intelligent standing still."

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Editorial . . .

Cold War Victory Depends on Capital

With the aim of helping foreign countries to raise their standards of living and to resist communism, this nation for years has been promoting the export of capital to underdeveloped lands. We have a flock of agencies to lend and invest and underwrite capital development abroad.

But meanwhile, we have been less aware of the need for more capital here at home.

The growth and job-making expansion of the American economy requires additional capital — in exactly the same way as does the national economy of India or Iran or Egypt.

In most countries, whether they are advanced or underdeveloped, there are numerous workers. There are natural resources, and people who can manage a business or industry. The scarcity is not in these factors but in capital, the tools and machines to make workers more productive.

Without capital, the people — no matter how willing and able — can bring only a bare existence out of the land and seas.

Khrushchev makes no bones about the Russian determination to overcome us economically. Obviously our military defense is the problem of federal government. But what of the economic struggle? So far as industrial production is concerned one contribution that government can make is to spend less in non-essential, non-defense areas.

This could make it possible to reduce taxes. The increase in savings and capital investment could enable the American people to wage the coming economic struggle with Russia with major means that count — new and better machines and methods, greater productive efficiency, research for needed new products and ways to put them to the use of the people. All these things are born of capital.

But the first step in capital creation is saving. Saving is done by individuals. Government cannot be a saver since it has no income other than that which is taken from the people.

More economic growth means more product. This requires more capital which, in its turn, depends on more saving by individuals. And more saving by individuals is principally dependent upon lower tax rates.

Clearly then, more economic growth depends in part upon lower tax rates. People can save only out of income. Their ability to save is determined by what is left after taxes to be balanced between consumption and saving.

Excessive tax rates interfere with economic growth because they restrict the ability to save and incentive to save and invest.

Management Club-Transcript Santa Fund A Success



There were stiff backs and sore legs the next morning as everyone was bent over wrapping the boxes with colorful Christmas wrappings. Here (l to r) Jim Zabeck, Art Spencer and Ernest Mason demonstrate the right position and method for wrapping.

The results are now in and the second annual Santa Fund co-sponsored by the Management Club and the North Adams Transcript was a resounding success. The drive lead by Co-chairmen Robert Armitage and Philip Talarico wound up its 1959 activities on December 23rd and 24th with the delivery of toys to children of needy families. The toys were purchased with money donated through voluntary contributions. \$1,070.33 had been donated by generous area residents. Toys were also contributed, some new, others used.

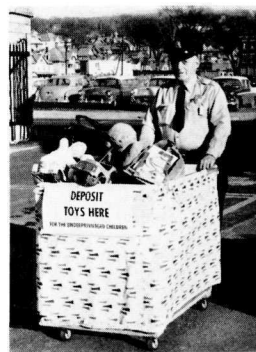
The toys were wrapped and labeled in wrapping bees with many Management Club members donating their time. The list of children who might not otherwise have enjoyed a Merry Christmas was compiled with the help of area clergy, police, and welfare groups. When the last shout of joy had died away, 803 children in 205 families had received presents.



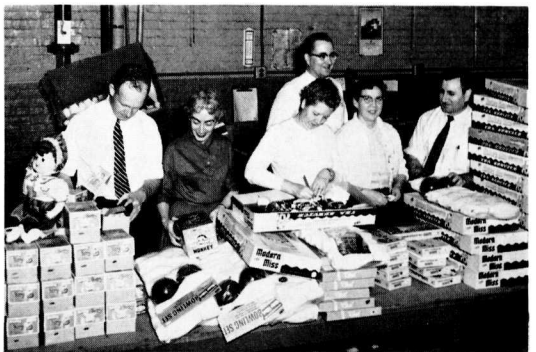
Pete Jobin (left) brings over a box of toys to be wrapped, while Ernie Purpura shows keen interest in the model plane on top of the box. Jim Fitzgerald continues his wrapping of a bowling set, intent on getting this bulky package under wraps.



With everyone wrapping and tagging, the several hundred toys were wrapped in a two hour period. Here Santa's helpers are: (l to r) Rita Chenail, Bob Armitage, Ruth Graves, Ida Fix, John Muldowney, Don Meiklejohn, Ernest Mason, Jim Zabeck, Art Spencer and George Senecal.



"Butch" Hinkell, Head Watchman, displays a cart full of toys at the Marshall Street gate. They were all contributed by employees.



Deciding on age classifications for the many different kinds of toys is the starting point of the wrapping operation. Left to right are Don Meiklejohn, Rita Chenail, Ruth Graves, Bob Armitage, Ida Fix and Philip Talarico all lending a hand to classify each toy.

Departmental News . . .

UNION STREET Echoes

Magnetic Assembly by Dot DeGraff

With the beginning of the new year we feel awards should be presented to the following people in our department: An award to Lorraine Pierce as the safest and most cautious driver on the highway — awarded by the Highway Patrol to Janet Haas, Betty McConnell and Mary Unis a three star award for coil winders — awarded by The Blind Songwriter of "I'll Be Seeing you" and "Maybe", to Betty Kleiner for being the cutest in knee length socks — awarded by Ronnie Dean, Private Eye, to Valida Kleiner for being the heartiest onion eater in Dept. 523 — awarded by the songwriter of "You Leave Me Breathless", to Hazel Goddard maker of the best fruit cake of the year — awarded by Betty Crocker.

Vacations are wonderful — so healthful and restful. Ann Maroni brought a friend back with her to tell us about her vacation — Hed-da Cold and she still has. Just bet Helen Scarbo slept on a Sealy for she said she just rested during her vacation, and she looks so-o-o rested. Why do you keep yawning, Helen?...And now for more awards: To Henrietta Langlais goes a plaque "I'm I-o-o-king for you" — awarded by the small car distributors; to Helen Foote a brand new spanking trailer — awarded by Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz; to Doris Forgette a new rocking chair —

awarded by Flint McCullough — and our heartiest congratulations to Celina Gigliotti who received an award for an excellent suggestion to help us at our work...So long till next month.

Magnetic Samples

by Shirley Noring

Ceil Malloy picked Christmas and New Year's weeks for her vacation and then spent the best part of it sick in bed. We're sorry it happened that way. Ceil, but we're glad to have you back and looking fine, too. Jane Martin was so good during the holidays, it was almost unbelievable, but she's back to normal now and up to her old tricks. Irene Davis' children started the New Year with chicken pox. We hope Irene doesn't catch it — she's never had it. Deil Lilly is a grandmother for the 24th time. Her son, James Gorman, and Mrs. Gorman had a daughter, and her daughter, the former Jane Lilly, now Mrs. Kenneth Burgess, and her husband had a son born on New Year's Eve. Speaking of Deil — she would like to thank the mysterious gift giver for the lovely pin she received for Christmas. If the person or persons would like a personal thank you, please make yourself known. Pat Duncan's expression will be changing any day now — if anyone is curious as to why — just ask her to smile.

Magnetic Finishing

by Helen Burdick

The holidays are now in the past and we can all settle down for a long time waiting for our next holiday which is Memorial Day...We had some nice parties during the holidays

and also a luncheon at the Phoenix Hotel which we enjoyed very much. Our room Christmas party was grand too. Betty Barcomb took the week after Christmas for part of her vacation. Her small daughter, about four years old, said to Betty a few days before Christmas, "Mommy, I want toast for breakfast", and Betty said, "Michele, you don't eat breakfast here. You eat at your baby sitters". Michele still insisted and then she said, "Mommy, don't you want some toast made on your new toaster that daddy bought you for Christmas!"

If you need any remedies for sickness, sore muscles, sties or such, go to Nellie Hewitt. She has a good one for sties, I heard, but I guess Chick Bard was afraid to try it. He thought it was better to wear dark glasses for a few more days. I was told her remedy for bad complexion was out of this world. Nellie, we had better call you Dr. Hewitt. The Saturdays that we work we have a person working with us called 'Rachel', but during the week Rachel is called 'Ray'. Do you know anything about that, Ray Blair?...Congratulations to Joanne Aragose whose twin sister had a baby girl. Joanne is to be the baby's godmother, and I bet she will be more like a fairy godmother — little Maria will have anything she wants.



Shipping

by Cecile Trudeau

Our Christmas Party was held at

the Phoenix Hotel on December 16th. After a good meal, gifts were distributed from the grab bag. It seemed so good to see the familiar faces of our former co-workers: Esther Chilson, Claire Corsi and Ellen Crocker. Mildred Waterman spent Christmas with her daughter and family in Stamford, Conn. Over the week-end they all went to New York City and had a wonderful time. Emma Jobin's son, Buzzy, has returned to Valley Forge Military Academy at Wayne, Pennsylvania after spending the Christmas holidays at his home. Congratulations to George and Nanette Wisnowski of Adams on the birth of a son on December 20th. Nanette was formerly employed in the Shipping Department. Ann Tremblay celebrated the New Year at the Elks in Pittsfield. Peg Darling entertained guests at her home on New Year's Eve, while June Rock and Cecile Trudeau went to the Paradise Restaurant in Bennington. Philip Talarico and Alfred Bourdon went to the Armory and John Burdick tripped the light fantastic at Turn Hall.

General Accounting

by Sid Taft and Lucille DiLorenzo

Well, now that the holidays are over, everyone is beginning to get back to normal. General Accounting had its Christmas party at the Heartwellville Lodge. There were approximately 50 members and guests. The meal was enjoyed by all. After the meal we distributed "grab bag" gifts and just to add a little fun in the party we also had a "gag bag". Into these gag bags went all old things you didn't want around the house. Some included old hats, socks, empty cans, broken mugs, old umbrellas and a few other unmentionables. It sure put everyone in a laughing mood. Our congratulations to the

committee and all those who helped make it a success. Jean Duprat and Dot Boutwell had holiday vacations (the lucky gals). I believe both stayed at home. George "Speed" Theberge is now in the Veteran's Hospital at Albany, N. Y. We all hope you will return soon in very good health. We all miss you! We mustn't forget to thank Speed for the fudge he sent in for the office. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

Five members of General Accounting and two from Purchasing got together a few weeks ago and decided to bowl. They formed two teams: the Bedbugs and the Fleas. To date I believe the fleas are ahead. Members are: Bedbugs — Joan Durocher, Dot Astorino, Jane Howell, and Sid Taft. Fleas — Dot Boutwell, Clara Robert, Midge Patenaude and Lil Adams. The scorekeeper is Lea Walden. Farewell and best wishes go to Barb Sondrini who has recently left us and a warm welcome to Irene Gazielle who has replaced her. New Years was a very gala affair this year. It seems everyone either had a party or went out. If a good time was had New Years, it is an indication of how 1960 will go. Therefore we should all be in for a good year.

Bertha Decoteau was on vacation during the holidays. She went to New York with Marion Caron. They went to see "My Fair Lady". We hear the best part of the trip was when they ate at Momma Leone's. Bertha's been raving about it at the switchboard ever since. Chummy Robert also went to New York for a week-end of shopping and visiting familiar places.

Salvage

by Herb Hafner

William Collier has returned to work and we are all very glad to see him back and feeling well. Thomas



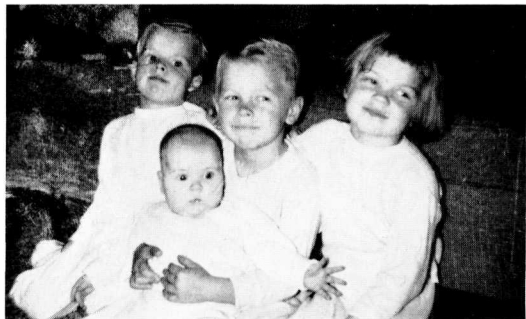
Still not wide awake on Christmas morning is little Paul Hartwig, nephew of Henrietta Lepicier of Paper Rolling.



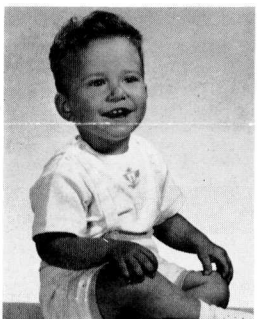
Smiling approval of his new bike is David John Racette, son of Theresa of Credit Union and nephew of Dot and Flash Racette.



"How will I ever get my panda in the baby carriage?" asks Nancy Ann Hamilton, daughter of Bob of Filters.



All happy and smiling and waiting for Santa are Mitchell, Steven, Susan and baby Sandra Saviski, nieces and nephews of Pearl Sharples of Paper Rolling and Adeline Roy of Tantalum.



Keith Crockwell, 2, is the grandson of Lucy DePari of Western Electric on Marshall Street.

DeSanty vacationed at home... The Christmas season was good to all judging by reports from all the men. ...William Douglas used his head and received a suggestion award. A real nice gift at the right time!

Sprague International Ltd.

by Suzette Lemieux
New Year's Day 1960 dawns bright and clear... Many hours later, those two avid skiers, Gayle Levenson and Yours Truly, arrive at Dutch Hill for the head-clearing effect of fresh air and the challenge of the wide open slopes... Already, the atmosphere is one of familiarity... the faces are familiar, that is... We enter the Lodge to don our trusty ski boots and, lo and behold! there is Jean Gardzina warming her hands by the fireplace... To start the year right, we forget to get our lift tickets and are promptly apprehended for sneaking through the lines by the No. 1 ticket-lady, Dot Belanger... Finally, we reach the lift line; and as Fate would have it, George Ferran and Ken Haskins are riding a T-bar together ahead of us, and, No, it can't be, but they ARE discussing a hot quote... Sure enough, out there on the Ski School area, there's an already accomplished skier — Nancy Kelly, wouldn't you know — taking private lessons from a dashing instructor... And on our right, if it isn't 'Jo' Ferris on the "Holiday" trail trying her

Lebanese swing on the hickories... and good, too.

Hardly have we agreed on the advisability of taking the easy ride down the "Dyke" when, passing us at breakneck speed goes Bill Adams, decked out in a brand new outfit topped by an atrakhan (called in the less informed circles a Russian cosack hat) and, of course, his pipe, mumbling feverishly as he stems Christies something about having to take it easy on that "bum knee"... Glancing across the way at the "Yankee Doodle" we see in horror that Bertha Richards is headed straight for her... Over in the "Dutch Meadows", we can see that Myrna Harvey has everything under control as she yodels down the trail with little Donna tucked up on her back, papoose-style, joining in on the harmony... With all this observing, a good part of the afternoon has gone by, and there's time for just one last ride so we dash to the lift again, just barely getting in before they close off for the day. What's this up ahead? Sandy Segala has got a small chair hooked up on the T-bar and has actually just been riding up and down all afternoon. She claims it's safer than skiing... As we near the T-bar, doesn't Gayle turn violently at the sight of a Rock Hudson in a blue parka which throws Yours Truly off balance. The inevitable disaster ensues... both fall helter-skelter midst poles and skis; and the whole line of patient skiers, standing there innocently awaiting their turn for the ride to the top, also go down like strategically line-up dominoes... Finally on the lift, there is a flash to our left; and only a most discerning eye could distinguish those fast disappearing forms as Nereo Agostinelli, Giacomo Giacomello, and Rudy Lederhofer, bombing down the "Christiana". Seems they have a private wager and the last one down buys all their tickets home. Nereo is really pumping because, if he has to buy Rudy's ticket to Hongkong, he'll be set back a few months... Well, our last run down the Yankee is rather eventless — we did hear a little voice in the woods which, come to think of it, was that of Ski Patrol Marilyn LoPresto urging

Bertha to come down out of a tree.

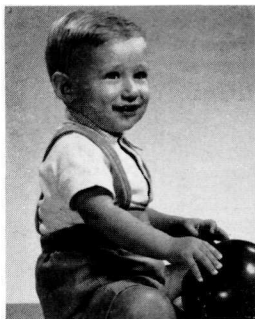
Who's that in the bright red dress? Why, it's Barbara Neville, just stopping by to check on her way home from her crowd's New Year's Eve party... Phew! It's been a busy two rides, and nothing like a little hot chocolate to wash down the afternoon's impressions... Well I'll be! there's Jean Gardzina still warming her hands in front of the fireplace.

Production Engineering

by Julia Sarkis
Here's hoping everyone in Production Engineering had a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that the New Year brings lots of luck and good fortune to one and all... Congratulations go out to Julia Sarkis and Carol Flaherty who received their diamonds Xmas Eve. Congratulations are also in order for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gallup who were married on the 9th of January. He is a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gallup. His mother, Corinne, is employed as a spec writer in our department. The bride, the former Beverly Williams, had her sister, Joan Williams, a co-worker at Production Engineering, as maid of honor... Bruce Formals, son of Mrs. Florence Formals, has returned to base after a twelve day leave at home. He is stationed at the Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxie, Miss... Evelyn Szpak has left to await the arrival of the stork... Seems like Ginger had a little trouble trying to keep from hitting other cars. Let's hope you'll be a little more careful in the year of 1960... That's it for this month, folks. See you all again in February.

Tantalum Finish

by Dolores Shakar
A belated wish for a Happy New Year to everyone! Alas and alack, it will be quite awhile before we celebrate with another party in our room. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas parties during our lunch hour were very enjoyable. We thank Betty Johnson for her part in making the parties possible. At the Christmas party, we exchanged grab bag presents. Everyone enjoyed the gifts...



David Bushkin is the grandson of Lillian Goff of Magnetic Finishing. His mother, Eleanor, is a former employee.

On December 3rd, Tantalum and our department enjoyed our annual Christmas party held at Fireside in Lanesboro. We all want to thank Gladys Roy for her work to make it possible. Grab bag gifts were exchanged and dancing was enjoyed by all. Prizes were won by Gladys Moderski, Olive Peltier, Eunice Gentile — all of Tantalum — and Phyllis Lapine of Tantalum Finish. Bill King and his wife showed us how to dance a fox trot real well. Peggy Zepka danced the polka like she was dancing on air; Alda Roy and Yours Truly tried the cha-cha and Phyllis Lapine tripped her feet gaily to the jitterbug, though we all thought her "Merry Widow" waltz was terrific! Then everyone joined in with the Bunny Hop. A gay time was had by all. In fact Phyllis Lapine wanted to keep a souvenir from the place as she tried to take the decorations home with her, but alas, they were too big for the car. I think she wanted to practice doing the hula hoop... If anyone wants to know of a good place to hide a treasure chest or "pot of gold", ask Kay O'Connor for the key... A fond farewell to Paul Ross, who by the time you read this, will be in the Army. Good luck, Paul, and let us hear from you now and then.

Hannah Sarkis and Evelyn Prystas enjoyed their vacation doing chores at home but had a little rest anyway... Joe Nadeau, our traffic guard, received a glowing Xmas present from Sprague Electric Company. Those flashy orange gloves really knock our eyes out... Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George Parsons on their 13th wedding anniversary... A belated happy birthday to Pearl Dubreuil whose birthday was in January and to Lillian Trimarchi whose birthday was in December... If anyone needs instructions in the cha-cha, call on Daisy Kuczenski and her husband. They've really mastered the art!

Flash! Lester turns plumber! Mary Girard was willing to repair the sink pipes in the ladies room with Adeline Roy as her helper! Too bad they were that ambitious just during the holidays! See you next month.

Filters

by Ruth Haskins
The holiday season found several of our co-workers enjoying late vacations. Florence Saulnier took a week to Christmas shop and visit her daughter in Schenectady. Albie Hillson enjoyed her vacation at her home in Whitingham. Rose Lazarczyk also saved her vacation for the Christmas holidays... Marie LeMoine drove to Worcester to visit her daughter and family for Christmas and Frances Dami's son and family from Connecticut were with Frances for the holidays... "Gilly" Moore traveled to Fort Edwards, N. Y. to be with relatives and Jean Bancroft and her husband drove to Essex Falls, New Hampshire to attend a 50th wedding celebration... Pauline Perreault had her son, Leo, home for Christmas for the first time in 8 years... Now

that Xmas bells have ceased ringing, the Roy family will be hearing Wedding Bells. Bertha Roy's youngest son, Richard, will be married on February 6th... Our best wishes for a speedy convalescence to Ray Belding who was operated on recently... We hope to see you "fat and sassy" and back to work soon, Ray!

Check Inspection

by Betty Jangrae
Now that the Christmas and New Year's parties are a thing of the past and all New Year's resolutions are about to be broken, we settle down to a normal 1960. The echoes of our Christmas party are still ringing in our ears with the highlights a duet by Pete Grande directing the singers and Florence Nowell playing, or should we say "stopping the music"? Everyone had a wonderful time and all agree that we should get together more often. Jim Lewis and Norman Robare very efficiently carried out their arrangements... We welcome all our new co-workers: Bernie Barbeau, "Jo" Sullivan and Ted Pierce to our happy group. We miss Pat Sullivan but we enjoy working with his wife, "Jo"... Congratulations to Mary Odell on the arrival of her first grandchild. The little "miss" is Theresa Marie. Hope you have fun spoiling her, Mary... Jane Gross enjoyed her vacation right after the Christmas party. It's a very nice time of the year to spend at home... Stella Zieminski enjoyed her vacation New Year's week with her daughter, Barbara.

W. E. & Misc. Dries

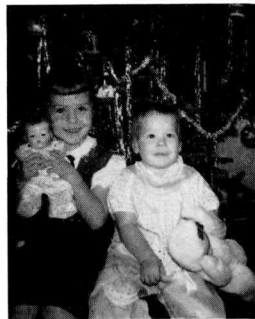
by Emily Wlodyka and Ella Genesi
Our Xmas party which was held in our room on Monday noon, December 21st was a huge success judging from all reports. A delicious smorgasbord style lunch was served with various persons donating the food. Grab-bag gifts were exchanged and there were also several door prizes given out to lucky individuals. Cecile Magnani, Ella Genesi and Gert Volpi were in charge of all arrangements. Our sincere thanks to them for doing such a splendid job... Larry LaBombard is certainly one proud daddy! Practically every week sees



Little John Michael Biondo is the son of Susan Biondo. Sue formerly worked in Planning and Methods.



All dressed up for winter weather is Jimmy Kanelos, son of Jane of Paper Rolling, Beaver Street.



Debbie and Brenda are the daughters of Donald Tatro of Western Electric and Joyce of Paper Rolling.

him bringing snapshots showing various stages of growth of his infant daughter, Susan... Three year old Lisa Bulshey, granddaughter of Millie Rivers and great niece of Rose Coyne, after receiving several outfits of wearing apparel for Xmas, just couldn't resist modeling them for her granny and her great auntie. She did an excellent job of it too. It just goes to show you that they're never too young to start. Who knows but she might be another Shirley Temple! Yes, 'little Lisa' is that adorable.

Harry Beverly was the envy of area hunters and especially those of our department. While on vacation recently he bagged a 9 point buck weighing 190 lbs! Boy that was something to 'crow about'! You should have enough venison to last you several months... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lampiasi on the birth of a son, December 10th. A speedy recovery is wished to Jo Collin's mother, Mrs. Pisano, who has been hospitalized for several weeks with an injury... Jo Sullivan and Clarence Wildman left us to take jobs elsewhere. Jo took her husband's job as check inspector in Tantalum and Clarence is working in the Filters. We wish both of them lots of luck and success in their new ventures... Also, at this time we would like to welcome Lil Grande to our Department. She took Clarence Wildman's job as Check Inspector. We're quite sure that you will find our department a nice place to work... In parting we would like to leave a couple of thoughts behind. "The evil that man does not only lives after him, but holds him back from true life." — and also "The easiest thing in the world is for those on the outside to criticize those on the inside".

We would also like to say that it was nice seeing our retired friends and they are Lillian Bingham and Anne Kirby. Also George LeSage (who is on a leave) at our Xmas party. Here's hoping they continue attending them for many years to come.

Sprague Products

by Peggy Brule and Carolyn Lataif
The bells have pealed a friendly hello to the bright new year and we here at SPRODCO have made our



Little Donna Harvey seems pleased with daddy's fine catch. Her mother, Myrna works in Sprague International.



No one would ever doubt that Debra Ann, Diane Lois, and Donna Marie are sisters. There certainly is a strong resemblance between all three of them. They are nieces of Jeannette Cady of Filters and we agree with her that they are very lovely little girls.

resolutions. After a great deal of debating we have decided: To extend a gracious welcome to such nice people as Jane Battersby, Bev Andrews, Trudy Gumbleton, Rose Lord, Carol Robare and Bill Cone... To have as nice a Christmas party next year as we did this and to have Al Coumont send his jokes to Jackie Gleason for future reference... To have another Christmas coffee break and to invite such nice people as Al Coumont, Mr. Kalker, Brewster Barry and Ken Blanchard... To keep Dick Lull's water bottle filled with tranquilizers for the coming year... To find out all about New York City from the three veterans Milly Butler, Marg Lasher and Peggy Brule... To say good-bye to Rose Richards who is awaiting that famous bird and to Helen Scannell who has deserted us for Florida's sunny shores. We shall miss you... Helen Daniels and Priscilla Hayden went by jet to California for ten days and more flights for them in 1960... To take dancing lessons from Jane Slattery who tripped the light fantastic with Dave Knox at the College Cotillion... To learn to be very proper from Joanne Filiault who with her everloving Don was one of the chaperons at the St. Joe ball. Jo informed us that Peggy Brule's daughter, Janice, looked very lovely... To assist Judy D'Amico in spelling Mrs. Kazimar Piekos — her newly acquired name. Congratulations!... To wish Kay Connors a healthier year in 1960 and wish Ann Moors the luck of the Irish in the coming years... To calm our future brides — the first being, Carolyn Lataif who will be married on the 30th of January... To help the girls fill up their hope chest which they acquired in their Christmas loot... Well these being all the resolutions we can think of, may we wish you and yours, a healthy, happy, new year.

FP Ovens & Cover Assembly

by Marguerite Daub and Edith Fields
Welcome back to Marie Rohane. Marie is on the 2nd shift, but it is always nice to see old faces back again on either shift... Jerry Varuzzo was out on vacation just before Christmas and Dom Blasi took his place, but no one would have known it unless you saw him — he was quiet as a mouse all day long... Also using his vacation for the Xmas rush was Mickey Duquette... Mary Roberts has taken off for a three week's vacation in Texas to visit her son. It sure is a nice time to leave on a long trip... We found out that we have a co-worker who celebrated his 48th wedding anniversary on December 26th — he is Clarence Scrivens of the Ovens, better known as Scrive. Mr. and Mrs. Scrivens are the parents of ten children, the grandparents of 23 grandchildren, and the great-grandparents of 14 great grandchildren. Congratulations and we all hope you enjoy a great many more years together. We are all looking forward to your Golden Anniversary in two more years. You see, Scrive, you can't keep secrets from us — not such an important one anyway!



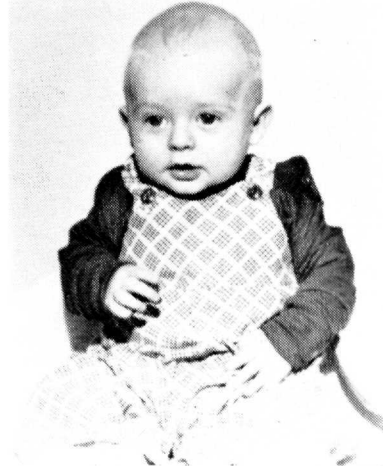
Nolan and Norman Rolnick are the twin nephews of Dorothy DeSanty of Brown Street. Aren't they dear?

Centrifuge

by Harry Embry
Well, now that the holidays are over, and from all reports everyone enjoyed them, we are ready to settle down to another year of work... Oliver Odell spent the holidays at home, Percy Bordwin visited his sister and brother-in-law Alfred Lariviere was at home, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sullivan had their sister and brother-in-law as guests. Your reporter and his wife spent the holiday with their daughter and son-in-law in Florence, Mass.

Ceramics

by Leo Cyr
I know everybody enjoyed the wonderful dinner we had in the department. The meal itself was very good and the trimmings and table decorations were quite beautiful. The grab seemed to spark the party... Mr. Jim Teeple from Nashua and Bob Bouchard, our foreman, were both present. Our foreman was presented a nice briefcase as a gift from the department. Thanks go to all the girls who helped to make the dinner a success with many thanks to Yvonne Carlisle and Irene Sahady who were our social committee... We have a Christmas Eve baby working in the department. It is Alma Haley whose birthday is December 24th... Heard that Dave Murphy and Macy Cooks really enjoyed their New Year's week-end in New York City... Some of the girls held a Christmas party at the Phoenix Hotel on December 17th and a good time was had by all. After seeing some of the candid camera shots, I'm sure that a few of the girls will make Broadway... Mae Riordan spent Xmas with her daughter's family and had a grand time with her grandchildren waiting for Saint Nick... Lucky Connie Gordon won fifty dollars. How about passing some luck our way?... Heard that Roger Delisle is going all out for bowling. Good luck, champ... A formal welcome goes to Ed Newman who recently became a supervisor in the department... Glad to see that Art Morris is up and running again after his injury... Hope everybody enjoyed New Year's Eve and I hope every-



Little John Luscier is the grandson of Leah Gamache of Hi-Rel. His mother was the former Nancy Sullivan.



A real bouncing baby is Stephen Collins, son of Phil of Incoming Inspection. His mother, Judy, formerly worked in R & E.



Two real little charmers are Elizabeth and Dickie Lavariere, children of Dick of the Control Lab and Peg of Union Street. Their grandmother, Alice Roberts, works in Metal Clad on Beaver Street.

body will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Dry Rolling and Western Electric

by Nancy Harvey
Flash No. 1 Hi folks! The holidays have ended, and everyone has made fresh resolutions for the year 1960. We just hope that everyone can keep them. May everyone — everywhere, have health, happiness and success in the months to follow!
Flash No. 2 Motorists — Beware!! Terry Blake recently took her driver's test, and was successful. She plans to buy a car soon, so be on the alert!
Flash No. 3 Mabel Lewitt and Marion Caron recently became grandmothers again. Mabel's daughter, Mrs. Paul Blanchette of Adams, Mass., gave birth to a son, and Marion's daughter, Mrs. John Wittig of Bridgeport, Conn., had a daughter. This is Mabel's 10th grandchild and Marion's 6th.
Flash No. 4 There are quite a few new members in our department. We want to welcome Phyllis Schmidt, Ruth St. John, Janet Straczek, Mary Boudreau, Bob Pedercini, and Ed Meczywor.
Quote: Among life's dying embers
These are my regrets —
When I'm right no one remembers,
When I'm wrong no one forgets.



"So big", says little Lisa Krok, daughter of Laurette Krok formerly of Hi-Rel Test and Ship.

Lewis made a delicious birthday cake and the menu consisted of chicken, ham or beef. The party closed with the passing out of grab bag prizes by Art Heyes and then rushing back to work... The season also brought an end to the vacations for 1959. Hazel Russell went to Manchester, N. H. Roy Cook spent a week catching up on his chores... Beatrice Morandi spent hers at home and Yours Truly took day trips.

Field Engineering

by Sandra Isherwood
From all reports, Christmas Party time was a great success. We want to thank the committee who worked so hard for everyone's enjoyment. It's really too bad you couldn't join us, Nancy. Don't you think you would have had much more fun with us?... Seems like Santa Claus was good to everyone this year, although we did notice that 'he' doesn't seem to know Joan's husband very well — brought him everything in the wrong size. Not a very well informed Santa, we'd say... Nan captured her own personal Santa Claus, brought him to New York and really cleaned him out. Boy, I bet that was fun... One really terrific outcome of this Christmas is that our Barb now bounces out of dreamland in the morning with a smile on her face. The reason: she received a clock radio for Christmas! (Ha, fooled you didn't we)... We'd

FP Assembly

by Grace McConnell
Well the holiday season has been here and gone with the season for parties and celebrations. A party was held at the Taconic Park Restaurant on December 12th, but the department seemed to be split up that day as some went to New York to see the Christmas decorations and the tree at Rockefeller Center because it came from Massachusetts... Doris Roberts, Sunny Cozzaglio, Marion Sherman, Rita Cooper, Dorothy Lewis and Yours Truly were among those who went to New York... A party was held in the department on December 22nd. It was a combination Christmas and birthday party — the occasion being Marion Sherman's birthday. Dorothy



A happy couple at their wedding reception is the former Elaine Rougeau of Employee Relations and David Chenail. They were married on December 30th.

like to welcome Jane Warren as a new addition to our staff. Sure hope you'll enjoy being with us... Jane and another one of our associates, Ginger Welch, are taking advantage of Leap Year. They're both going to take the big step in February. Congratulations and best wishes from all of us... We want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year from Field Engineering — and don't forget those New Year's resolutions.



Nancy Bessie, daughter of Evelyn Walden of Filters, sends holiday greetings from California.



Nancy, 8, Christine, 6, and Debra 3, are the children of Clarence Walker of the Transistor Lab. They are the grandchildren of Pearl Walker of Beaver Street.



Mattie and Debra Crawford are the grandchildren of Doris Monette of the Hi-Rel Department. We can see why Doris is so proud of them. They are lovely children.

Incoming Inspection

by Alda Roy

The hustlin' and bustlin' of the Holidays are now at an end. People are getting back to their normal routine. Our Christmas party was held at the Phoenix and a good time was had by all... With all the Holiday festivities, Tom Martin added more excitement to it by going "Skunk hunting". He found it to be a profitable business after all. He killed 19 of the biggest 'stinkers' in one night with his mighty club and lonely little flashlight. What, no gas mask? (Boy, what a man)... We had a few deer hunters amongst our group, with one successful one, namely Frank S. Chilson. He shot a 140 lb. buck in Charlemont... It's getting so Phil Collins hates to leave his house mornings. It seems that the baby wakes up about that time and Phil just hates to leave him. The baby is getting so he recognizes 'dad' and Phil certainly is a proud father. You will see a picture of Stephen Philip in this issue. Isn't he adorable!

Purchasing

by Lea Walden

Everyone seems to be rested up finally after a busy round of gift buying, tree trimming and house parties... Purchasing held their annual Christmas party at Taconic. From all reports a good time was had by all. In charge of arrangements were Joan Haddad and Marion Langer, Emma Jobin, Lil Adams. Yours Truly missed out because of going on the New York Christmas excursion. Although it rained continually for the two days spent there, it failed to dampen our enthusiasm. Gift purchases included umbrellas from Macy's for our respective husbands — which we put to good use... Betty Bogus assisted Emma Jobin at a house party given by Emma for the girls of Purchasing... Now that our snow is finally here, it's off to the ski slopes for a few of us!

Tantalum

by Amelia Koza and Gladys Moderski

Christmas parties and the rush of shopping are over now so we can all relax again. It sure was a good

feeling during the holiday season... We thank all the good cooks in our department for the buffet dinner we all enjoyed so much... Amelia Koza was sure surprised at the group of girls that remembered her birthday with a cake and a gift... Jimmie Lewis also had his birthday gift from his friends... Eunice Gentile was so excited about the 190 lb. deer her son, Butchie, killed that she gave all the meat away to her relatives and friends to enjoy the good luck with her... Gladys Moderski is convinced now that there is such a thing as Santa Claus after the wonderful time she had with a group of her friends at the Springs. She also enjoyed her recent trip to New York City... Congratulations to Josephine Ciavarella on the birth of her baby girl... Donald Berger is a very happy and busy man these days. Donnie moved into his new home and has been very busy as a repair man with the help of his Mrs. and friends. We hope you have many happy years... Kay Marra, Kay Mendel and Rita Deconteau have come back to our department.

Maintenance

by Dorothy Buzzell

We welcome the following employees to the Maintenance Department: Robert Barbeau to the Electric Shop, Edward Bassi to the Sheetmetal Shop, Sadie Mercier and Merida Baldassarini back to the Ageing Group and Frank Fortini to the Millwright Shop... Allan McLain of the Millwright Shop bagged a 125 lb. doe during the hunting season and his father Forrest McLain of the Boiler House also shot a 130 lb. doe... Bob Perry of the Pipe Shop got an 8 point 165 lb. buck in Vermont... Peter Jobin of the Paint Shop, Gerry Malone of the Tool Crib and Merida Baldassarini are all out on vacation.

Heat Seal

by June Rock

Christmas and New Year's came slowly and left us very swiftly. From all reports everyone had a nice time... Holiday guests at Julia Cirillo's home were her daughter, Catherine Canary, and Rita Seely... Agnes and Sam Jolin returned home in time for the holidays after spending four weeks in Florida. They went sightseeing at Miami and Hialeah — and they liked it so much they plan to return... Belated birthday greetings to Bea Boccagni and Rachel Filiault. Hope you both have many more... What would happen if: Rachel Filiault were noisy instead of quiet; Agnes Jolin lost her voice and couldn't sing; Julia Cirillo could not visit her grandchildren in New York once in awhile; Gouch Morin could only count to ten; Bea Boccagni could not tell us all the cute things her niece does; Peter Baliakos gained weight; and Kenneth Suprenant didn't belong to the Turner's Club.



Guess who! He now works in Check Inspection at Beaver Street. If you can't guess — ask Harold Weirs!



This very attractive threesome is Steven, Susan and John Stanton. They are the children of Robert and Rita Stanton who both work on Marshall Street.



Misc. Paper Assembly

by Adele Solari

Well, I guess now that the holidays are over we can settle down again... We are glad to welcome back once more Ruth Arrighini and Doris (Williams) Richards. We also welcome three new girls to our department: Frances Lepera, Claire Cantoni and Jeannette Shambau... Our Miss Doris has become a Mrs. She was married on New Year's Day to Mr. Leon Richards at Notre Dame Church. Her attendants were Mr. Richard's son, Richard Richards, and his fiancée, Miss Sue Campbell. They motored to Florida for their honeymoon... Ruth Arrighini and yours truly spent Xmas week at home on vacation... Agnes Fitzgerald spent the New Year's week-end in New Hampshire... Lillian Peck spent the holiday in Canada with her husband and family. Ronald Couture also motored to Canada with his family for the holiday week-end... Millie Dean is enjoying a nice vacation with her sons, Larry and Tommy, and their families in California... Teresa Vono spent the Xmas week-end with her daughter and family in Thompsonville, Conn... Yvonne Day and Helen Harrington spent a week's vacation at home.

Bathtub Assembly

by Jessie Meczyew

Santa Claus being a very busy man on Xmas, couldn't quite make it way up to Stamford, Vermont to visit Arthur Spencer, our foreman, but he made it on January 5th and left beautiful twin girls. Congratulations to you both!... Starting the New Year right is our Eleanor Durocher who was the first one this year to take her two week's vacation... Vivian Dale and her husband, Clifford, are celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary on the 6th of February. Congratulations!... Birthday wishes are being sent to Rose Bombardier, our desk clerk, who is celebrating hers on the 16th of February. May you have many more!

Hi-Rel --Nights

by Veronica Sobon

What can a person say after all the holiday rush except "We're all glad it's over". Of course we remember the nice things like parties with our friends, our Christmas presents and all the good eating. Now the favorite subject of discussion is dieting. Getting rid of excess weight is not as easy as putting it on — especially during holidays when nobody counts calories... Roma Morris bought her son a brand new accordion and is already complaining about too much music around home... Bina Michaels went all out for clothes. Now her children have the distinction of being the best dressed kids in town... Ernest God-



John and Linda Zahacky are the grandchildren of Delphine Regaoli of Magnetic Finishing, Union St.

dard is supplied with cigars for a long time to come. Guess by whom? Santa, of course!... This department would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our friends in other departments and plants a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Metal Clad Assembly

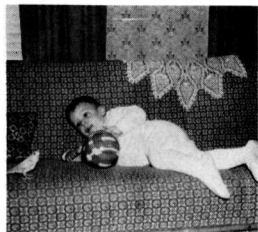
by Lillian Gainer

In opening this month's Log report, your reporter would like to say that she heard everyone had a very nice Christmas, and it is sincerely hoped that the spirit of Christmas will prevail throughout the coming year... Now to delve into the news department — Betty Romeo was very pleased to have her son, Anthony, and his wife, Mary Louise, up for Xmas from Jacksonville, Florida. They visited with Betty for a week which she assures us completed her holiday... Lola and Karl Briggs spent Xmas with her brother, Frank Gigliotti and family in Rensselaer, N. Y. A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by all — as well as Lola and Karl being with nephew Mark, 5 years old, and niece Paula, 3 years old, again... Janina Dymek swears that she must have gained at least 15 pounds over the holidays... Clyde MacDonald related to us that he enjoyed a quiet Xmas with the family and got quite a bang out of cute little golden haired daughter Hilda, 2, liking her least expensive gift, a little toy elephant, the very most... Our Xmas party over at Taconic Park Restaurant on December 10th was certainly a well attended and enjoyable affair which we look forward to each year. It was also good to see old friends and former co-workers again... We also had a little celebration at work on our noon hour by sampling Bateman's delectable barbecued meat plus all the trimmings — and presenting gifts to our foreman, Chuck, and the supervisors. It is a wonder that any of us had any room for our Xmas dinner with all the chocolates and other various goodies that were passed around during the week before Santa Claus made his yearly visit.

All of us wish to extend our get well wishes to Ada Harrington who is recuperating so nicely after recent surgery at the Plunkett Memorial



Looking as if they had some mischief in mind are Gordon, Jr., Scott, and Ronnie Pike. They are the great-grandsons of Helen Baxter of Metal Clad.



David Blondin, 15 mo., is the son of Ernest and Dorothy Blondin of the Tantalum Dept.

Hospital in Adams. You were missed at our Xmas party Ada, but we'll just look forward to having you with us at the next Xmas party time. We were also sorry that Rose Blair wasn't able to be with us at Xmas due to a fall — but hope that she will be better and back to work soon. Viola Miller and Betty Chevalier were victims of the flu bug, but are all right now and we hope that they will remain so. Birthday celebrations complete with gifts, cards and cakes were celebrated by Virginia MacDonald on December 18th and Lillian Gainer on December 12th. Your reporter also wishes to thank Sue Pollone for the delicious home-made birthday cake presented to her. Also to Helen Baxter and the other girls who certainly put one over on her — but a very nice gesture it was indeed. Gladys Kilbride informs us that she spent Xmas with her family in the usual way. There is no more solicitous doctor for the ailing person than our own Clyde MacDonald. Just ask Lil.

The room certainly relished the Italian delicacy called "Crispitielli" which Susie Pollone made and brought in for us to sample. Jennie Thompson had a complete holiday when son, Fred, 19, came home from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas to spend the holidays. She also had her daughter Barbara; 2 year old grandson, Danny; and son-in-law Emil Begbie who traveled down from Portland, Maine. Pauline Barrett was very happy indeed to have had daughter, Zane Charron, and family come home for Xmas for the first time in 8 years. They live in Warwick, Rhode Island. Jennie Pincombe assures us that the rightful credit for the outcome of that very tasty homemade Xmas bread she gave us is due to her daughter, Caroline, but we will thank them both. We guess there was no better selling commodity on the market than the pretty aprons which Catherine Letalien had. Say didn't our own Dorothy Sprague have the true "brotherly love" spirit at Xmas time? The kind that really bowls them over. No one could have been any more excited than Maria Zelazik the day she informed us, as well as displaying the picture, that her son Henry, just out of service at Camp Agglethorpe, Georgia, had given his pretty girl Judy, an engagement ring for Xmas. Henry, a graduate of Wentworth Institute in Boston, is also

hoping to further his education, and we want to wish the engaged couple lots of luck and happiness.

One of the nicest Xmas gifts that Vi Miller received was a call from her son John from his home in Topeka, Kansas. The same holds true for Helen Baxter who also received a most welcome and enjoyable call from her son, Rev. Harry Baxter, who has the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Plains, Pa. which is a suburb of Wilkes-Barre. It is our opinion that no one got more pleasure out of New Year's Eve than did Mary Cuzzaglio who baby sat with her 2 year old nephew. It took our former co-worker Pearl Walker to express the proper concern for our "bachelor girls" who will now have another leap year in which to try and catch the desired prey — namely a man. Nuff said! In closing may your Log reporter once more thank one and all for their cooperation in making this Log report successful. I'd also like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Sub-Miniature

by Rita Sullivan

As I begin my first news of 1960, may I wish everyone a prosperous and happy New Year and also a happy birthday to Mary Bator on New Year's day. Now that the holidays are over everyone must settle down to a full week schedule and after two long week-ends it will be hard. Patricia Joseph accompanied her mother to Bridgeport, Conn. to spend the Christmas holiday with her sister and family. Rita and Jack Sullivan, who were having a vacation, spent the holiday with her sister and family in Bellows Falls, Vermont. Mary Cwalinski had a very enjoyable holiday season this year. Her son, Walter, Jr., Airman 2nd Class who has been in Adana, Turkey for two years was home on a 43 day furlough. Walter, who formerly worked for Cazzie Ziemiak, left on January 4th to be stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, California. Paula Pappas enjoyed her New Years at the American Legion party. Hazel Martel spent her Christmas in Holyoke with her daughter and family. We extend deepest sympathy to Maude Sullivan whose sister passed away December 16th in St. Petersburg, Florida where she was vacationing. We also extend deepest sympathy to Hazel Martel whose husband, Alfred, passed away early in December.

Hi-Reliability

by Marion Andrews

It sure seems good to be back reporting news for our department after being out five weeks on sick leave. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the New Year's week-end. I understand that Ted Fitzgerald had many nice gifts for Xmas but had to exchange them for the right size. All that fit him was his tie. Edward Konopka got quite a laugh out of one of his gifts. It seems Eddie is putting on a little weight. So you can imagine what that certain gift

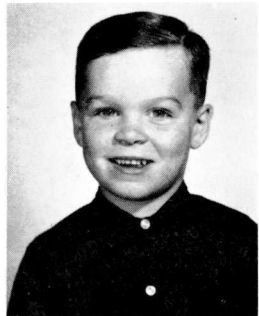
was! Margaret Bradley and her husband went to Worcester, Mass. for the Xmas holidays and visited with all her family. Leah Gamache had her two daughters and eight grandchildren for the holidays, and also her mother, Mrs. Carrie Haley, who is 82 years old. It was a nice family get-together. Rita Sorel was kept quite busy over the holidays. She bought her daughter and son an electric organ. It seems all the grown-ups and relatives enjoyed playing it. Florence Millette got a big thrill on Christmas when her son, Billy, presented her with a dozen American Beauty roses. I understand Peggy Doyle is becoming quite a horsewoman. When you see Peg on East Road you know she is on her way to feed Ginger, the horse they recently acquired. I hear the report of Robert Hall's sales went up 100% during Christmas week, thanks to the "carolers in Hi-Rel". Florence Dean's daughter, Judy, who is in the Marine Corps, spent the holidays with her. Florence's grandson, Cpl. Arthur LaBonte, was also home for the holidays. He is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia Marine Corps base. I would like to extend belated birthday and 25th wedding anniversary congratulations to Alice Carpenter. Alice's daughter, Pattie, and her husband were home with Alice for the holidays. They are now living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Paper Rolling

by Cecilia Kozik and Lillian Hartwig

Christmas has come and gone. This year our party was held at the Taconic Park. Everyone had a good time. Guess who got 4 pocketbooks for Christmas — none other than Lena Solomon. It's about time, Lena. We were afraid some Thursday you would lose that heavy paycheck. What were those bright lights shining Monday morning after Christmas? That, girls, was Bella Belanger with a one and a half carat diamond ring. We could hear Owen Dionne singing Christmas carols in Adams on Christmas Eve, and believe it or not, we were in North Adams. Velma Lincoln had the pleasure of having her son and daughter-in-law home for the holidays. Sporting new Christmas gifts were Che-Che Kozik with a new thermos bottle, Enis Simonelli with a diamond studded watchband, Lill Hartwig with a new pair of shoes (about time Lill), Chuck Mulcahy with a new sport shirt, and Bessie Turgeon and Carm Tassone both with "mother rings" from their families. Yvonne Leonasio has charms for her bracelet and Gladys McBride has a black onyx set.

Wedding bells rang out for Lillian Hartwig who was married on December 19th. We extend our best wishes. Lill received many lovely gifts. Welcome back to Tina Vareschi and Betty Carlow who were out sick with the virus. We wish a very speedy recovery to Alice Dami's and Mary Collier's husbands who have been ill. Greetings to all our friends for 1960. May you have health, happiness and good fortune.



Wayne, 5, Lynn, 9, and Michael, 10, Burke are the niece and nephews of Fran Kelly of Sprague Products. She thinks they are pretty special and we can see why.

Film Products

by Ida Decoteau

Christmas is past but the good times enjoyed by all of us, linger in our minds. The plant party at Taconic Park was very nice and everyone that attended had a good time. Our department had a very nice chicken dinner and a grab bag. A delicious cake made by Pearl Walker certainly finished a nice time. Presents were given to Ida Decoteau, "Pinkie" Sherman, Harold Norcross, Bill Lauth and our foreman, Chuck Mulcahy. Santa was also very good to Harold, bringing him a lovely gift which proved to be the right size. You look very nice in a candy stripe, Harold. Vacations were enjoyed by Gladys Sorel, Gerry Shartrand, and Ruth Harris. "Pinkie" Sherman enjoyed his Christmas holiday with those two wonderful grandsons, daughter, and son-in-law on Long Island. Nina Underwood visited her brother and family in Rhode Island for Christmas. P.S. Thanks, Olive.

Plating

by Joe Pilling

Everyone is settled down after the holidays. Five long months before the next one. Harry Paesler has reason to remember this Xmas — he had thirty-five tree lights stolen. Loren Estes says he played Santa Claus in Holyoke — at least he filled out the suit. I hope that his nieces and nephews had a chance to play with their toys. Izzy Wolkin has a problem. He says that his coveralls are shrinking around the middle. He is the only one with that trouble. Maybe a girdle would help, Izzy. Yours Truly was fortunate in having our youngest son home for the holidays for the first time in three years. John Murach still hasn't hit 300 yet, but keep trying, John, anything can happen. A belated but sincere happy and prosperous New Year to everyone.

Small Orders

by Eloise Brown

Arlene Rabidoux did it again! She was high bowler — having a score of 291. Nice going, Arl. Keep the good work up. We have some very talented people in our small group. Betty Vigna participated in an Xmas play at the Rosary Society.

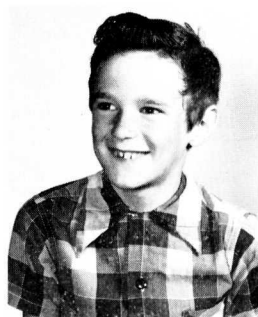


What a nice little lady is Julie Quinton, granddaughter of Lucy DePari of Western Electric.

Ned Walden also sang in the Lion's Club quartet at Notre Dame church. It's always a pleasure to hear Ned sing. We all had a very enjoyable evening at our annual Xmas party which was held at Taconic Park. We were cordially invited up to Betty Vigna's house after for coffee. Betty is always the perfect hostess. Jerry LaVigne, our supervisor, is leaving us to accept a position in Ceramics at Marshall Street. We wish him the best of luck. Donato Jacob's son, Arthur, made her very proud when he brought home a trophy he had won by being elected the most valuable player on the Cushing Academy football team. Being an old Drury alumni, I don't



Little Judy Napolitan is another granddaughter of Lucy DePari's. She's a little charmer.

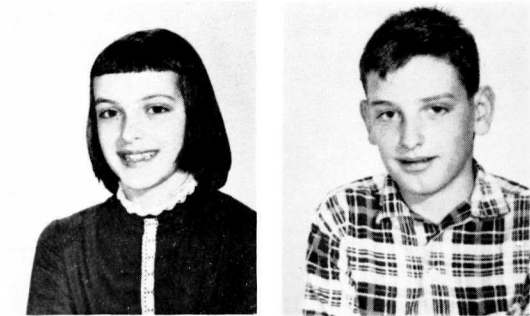


Deborah and Christopher Gillooly are the children of Eileen Gillooly of Sprague Products. We suspect they might be a lively pair!





Lori and Linda are the beautiful twin daughters of Ray Lusier of the Sheetmetal Shop. They look like identical baby dolls.



Donna Bushika and Joseph Bushika are the children of Joe of the Sheet Metal Shop on Marshall Street.

mind giving Adams, our rival, a plug.

Now that the holiday festivities are over we are all trying to get back to normal again — and trying to take off the weight we gained by eating too much rich foods. Betty Vigna and Dolores Lipinski are enjoying their vacations. I went down to see Fran Sprague's twins the other evening and I must say they are adorable. We miss Fran very much and would like to have her back with us once more, but right now she has her hands full. Nice to have Julie Rarik back with us again. Julie has just returned from sick leave. Hope you all have a very prosperous New Year.



Ind. Oil Cover Assembly

by Isabell Witherow

First we would like to welcome the newcomers to our department. They are Mildred Garner, Mary Milanesi, and Florence Lang. Well, Christmas was enjoyed by a wonderful dinner and grab bag. Everyone said Santa was very good to them. Ann Odell spent her vacation at home. Isabell Witherow has returned after being out sick. Lettie Perla also made a lovely cake for our party.

Ind. Oils Final Assembly

by Dorothy Shea

All of the party participants in our department are relaxing after the gay festivities of the holidays. Everyone seems so very quiet. Mary Marchio is a very competent and happy housewife. Your pies are delicious, Mary. Mertie Bishop has a very lovely jewelry collection. We love your matched brooch and earring sets. Mary Provost's son, Bobbie, is getting to be quite a big boy, attending school already. Is it possible! Time sure whizzes by. Tony Saliba went home to Barre, Vermont for the holidays. That New Year's party was really something. How about that, Tony? Bobby Witherell (Speedy Dry) is rated as the sharpest dresser in our department. Our thoughts and good wishes are with Bessie Paradis. We all wish to express our deepest sympathy to our foreman, John Muldowney, on the recent death of his brother.

High Quality

by Millie Conroy

The holidays are over for another year — hope they were happy for everyone. Santa sure was good to one and all from all reports. Mae Veazie will become the seamstress of the department with her new sewing machine. And that oh-la-la odor as you pass by Julie Morin is a very 'special' fragrance. Anyone wanting a ride to remember, just ask Maude Waska — she says she'll take a cab the next time. Mary Burlingham spent the holidays in Newton with relatives. Annette Hinkell and Angie Granger enjoyed vacations during the Christmas rush. Millie Patryn had the two weeks preceding Christmas, so she was ready and waiting for St. Nick. Yours truly was very lucky to have her son and daughter-in-law home for the holidays. Who looks so cute in red — ask Ella Nary. It certainly must be that grand new grandchild. When you pass Sally Tallarico ask her to see her grab bag gift — very original. Esther Smith and her husband enjoyed Christmas with relatives in New Hampshire. Poor Jacqueline Gay looks lost already. Paul Sanford would like to know how to lose that pesky virus bug once and for all. That's it for now. See you next month!

Sandia Coolers

by Evelyn Jones

Hope Santa was good to all of you. From all reports it was a very nice holiday. Santa brought three automatic washers — one to Gerry Giusti, one to Violet McClelland, and one to Evelyn Jones. Looks like a lot of easy living for these girls. Joe Dunaj spent his vacation at home enjoying Christmas. Laura Fortin spent Christmas in Rhode Island and the rest of her vacation at home. Ruby Hubbard spent Christmas visiting her son in Boston. Carrie Wojtaszek attended a wedding in New York City. I still think she should have talked to Jim Higgins before going. Harry Logan, of Final Inspection, was one of our successful deer hunters. Harry reports a 3 point 140 lb. buck in Vermont and a 135 lb. doe in Massachusetts. Plenty of meat on the table at the Logans. Dorothy Baker enjoyed her yearly vacation in Florida. Ceil Maxymilian had a New Year's



Do you recognize them? This picture was taken in 1934 at Brown St.

party. Bet they were all surprised when she sent them home at nine. Visited Frances Pitoniak over the holidays. She sends her best to everyone for the New Year. Dot Baker had a very nice Christmas. Her son was home for the holidays for the first time in four years. Rose Murray's son was home from the Navy. Laura Roy entertained her whole family on New Year's Day. Rose Lecuyer reports a large deer crossed her lawn the other night. We hear her husband was quite upset because the deer season was long gone. Good luck, Rita Decouteau who has returned to her department on Marshall Street. We're glad to say that Jeanette Trella has finally gotten used to her son's dog. Jackie has her frying eggs for the dog. Oh dear, what next! Rita Charron was recently initiated into the experienced driver's club. Guess this will be all until next time. Happy New Year everyone!

KVA

by Ace Samia

Now that the New Year is here I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and a prosperous one with a lot of luck and good health. We all would like to welcome Teddy Dziok, Jr. into our group. Hope you like it here with us. Bobby Maxwell was the only lucky hunter in KVA. He got his first deer in 1959. Walt Kondej is happy again as his car is out of the garage. He doesn't have to walk anymore. Harold Brown is all smiles as he now has a 1960 car. He can take his missus for a ride now on Sundays without any worries. Well with the skiing season here, Victor Vareschi and Henry Pepin will be getting out their skis and waxing them soon. Charlie Zocchi will be getting out his ice fishing equipment soon also.

"I Do" Notes

Dec. 19, Lillian Stachelek and Edward Hartwig
Dec. 30, Elaine Rougeau and David Chenail
Jan. 1, Doris Williams and Leon Richards
Jan. 9, Judith D'Amico and Kazimer Pickos



Emile Jobin can hardly believe his eyes — or else he's telling us he hasn't the vaguest notion how he came to get this 300 lb. bear. We'll bet he's glad the bear isn't chasing him.

February Birthdays

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| 1. Mary Bator | 11. Jean Bancroft | 22. Grace Perreault |
| 2. Tony Falco | 12. Lynn Bryant | 23. Marilyn Wojciek |
| 2. Ronald Bard | 15. Edith Fields | 23. Gertrude Schmidt |
| 2. Angie Damiano | 16. George Haddad | 23. Katherine Clifton |
| 2. Lucille DiLorenzo | 16. Robert E. Kelley | 24. Marie Rowett |
| 4. Veronica Sobon | 17. Esther Poplaski | 24. Rita Rosch |
| 5. Mary Lasson | 17. June Barnhart | 25. Gloria Thibert |
| 6. Rena Livesey | 18. Jane Warren | 25. Rose Lord |
| 6. Robert Heideman | 18. Eileen Gillooly | 26. Leo Cyr |
| 7. Elbert Becker | 18. Emily Wlodyka | 27. Angelo Mazza |
| 7. Millie Rivers | 18. Dorothy Marchio | 27. Marie Dubreuil |
| 7. Nellie Hewitt | 19. Millie Conroy | 27. Jeanne Dufresne |
| 8. Gloria Lawson | 19. Marie Richie | 28. Carmela Tassone |
| 8. Donald Christensen | 20. Geraldine Cole | 28. Julia Dully |
| 8. Violet Scott | 22. Neil Tanguay | 28. Francis Wilson |
| 11. Florence Dupre | | |

New Arrivals

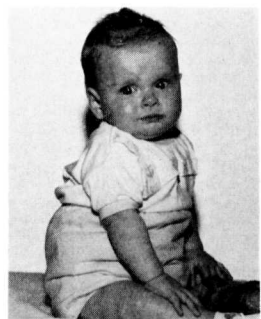
- November
23. Mr. & Mrs. William Secley, son
23. Mr. & Mrs. Gillio Vivori, son
- December
2. Mr. & Mrs. James Fresia, daughter
7. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moresi, son
8. Mr. & Mrs. Leo Lussier, daughter
10. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Lampiasi, son
12. Mr. & Mrs. Casimer Zawislak, son
14. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Odell, daughter
21. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Desnoyers, daughter
27. Mr. & Mrs. Milio Maselli, daughter
28. Mr. & Mrs. James McCarthy, daughter
30. Mr. & Mrs. David Tremblay, daughter
- ANNIVERSARIES for FEB.
1. Mr. & Mrs. Carl Oltsch, 20th
3. Mr. & Mrs. Russell Giroux, 20th
3. Mr. & Mrs. Euclid St. Peter, 8th
3. Mr. & Mrs. Dominik Esposito, 20th
5. Mr. & Mrs. William Fortini, 11th
6. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Saunders, 14th
10. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Law, 24th
11. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shafer, 22nd
11. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sikora, 20th
12. Mr. & Mrs. Julius Fosse, 32nd
13. Mr. & Mrs. Loren Estes, 13th
13. Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Gifford, 31st
14. Mr. & Mrs. Millard Jones, 19th
15. Mr. & Mrs. George Parsons, 13th
17. Mr. & Mrs. Oliva Richards, 39th
18. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Murach, 21st
19. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marchio, 22nd
20. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moreau, 17th
23. Mr. & Mrs. John Gumbleton, 14th
25. Mr. & Mrs. George Gamache, 10th
28. Mr. & Mrs. Frank DeMarsico, 23rd

Going My Way

Julia Sarkis and Dick Lloyd
Carol Flaherty and Bill Ross
Caroline Hubbard and James N. Edwards
Lena DuBois and Charles Ahola, Jr.
Mary Lynn Harrison and Richard Jordan
Daisy Sobon and Larry Kupiec
Frances Kelcey and James Livesey
Alice Lubowicz and Robert Heideman



Francis, 3, and Donald, 15 mo., are the sons of Lorraine Pierce of Magnetic Assembly, Union Street.



Howard Marsh of Solid State Research finds shopping quite a chore on Men's Night in a Pittsfield store.

Two of the Many Christmas Parties



Christmas time is party time and the girls from the Ceramic department take advantage of the holiday season to celebrate with a party at the Phoenix Hotel.



Former employees of departments 645-655 enjoy their annual Christmas get-together and pose for their picture. There was lots of reminiscing about the "good-old-days".

Christmas-Reunion Held By Former Employees of 645-55

by Retired Reporter Jennie Garceau
Our Christmas Reunion was held at the Mountaintop Restaurant with 36 attending. Santa Claus and his Christmas tree greeted us in the main dining room. The table decorations were a green and white tree with favors at each place. Gifts were exchanged and the special prize was won by Mrs. Edith Roy, a retired co-worker whom all welcomed. News items were many and funny as all chattered around the tables. Greetings were sent to the sick. Emma Dube, Clara Pero and Rita DiSanti. We were also sorry that some were not able to attend because of illness in their families—Betty McConnell, Alvina Moreau, Ida Tovani, and our R.N., Frances Kordana, who was busy caring for the sick in the Pittsfield General Hospital.

Grandmas Betty Hamilton and Vi Levesque were very busy shopping for their grandchildren. Vi now has 21 of them so Santa sure must have been kept busy. Christmas greetings were sent to Mary Scerbo of Palm Harbor, Florida and to Burton Davis, a former supervisor, who now lives in Martinez, California.

Group singing and dancing were enjoyed and plans were made for another re-union in June with Stacia Meczywor, Jane Gross, and Vi Bona. Fortune telling was one of the games, and I for one, am sure things will happen if in doubt you can ask Dolly Rowett.

In closing I would like to send good wishes to everyone and thank them for their kindness to me in the past.

Seen in a Pentagon office: "If you could kick the person responsible for most of your troubles, you wouldn't be able to sit down for six months."

Machine Shop Holds Xmas Party

by John Walsh

Sixty-one members and guests of the Machine Shop were present on December 5th at the Christmas Party held at the Mountaintop Restaurant. Grace was given by John Garner. Officers and their wives were seated at the head table and the whole room was very prettily decorated in the Christmas spirit. At the head table there were name cards which had been drawn by Dennis Carlow of St. Joseph's High School. Each card was made in the shape of a micrometer.

John J. Carlow was master of ceremonies for the occasion and introduced President Raymond Bass and all other officers for short remarks and bows. Each wife present received a gift. These were purchased and wrapped by Mrs. Santo Simonelli and Mary Crandall. Everyone agreed that the party was a success and all look forward to another Christmas get-together.

Random Thoughts

Give less thought to what people are thinking of you, and you will have more time to think well of them.

Work faithfully eight hours a day, don't worry. Then, in time, you will become the boss and work twelve hours a day and do all the worrying.

If you don't believe in Providence, watch people on the highway and try to figure out what else saves them.

Criticism is the disapproval of people, not for having faults, but for having faults different from our own.

About the best method of climbing higher is to remain on the level.

The Log Turns Its Pages Back to Jan., 1940

This year marked 10 years of business in North Adams for the Sprague Specialties Company, (now the Sprague Electric Company).

In this issue of the LOG Mr. R. C. Sprague reviewed business for 1959.

Employees are keeping busy after working hours skiing, bowling, and of course, Holiday parties were in full swing. A rifle club was organized in the plant with nineteen members.

Our most active skiers are Jim Fitzgerald (now Assistant Dept. Head in Sales); Harry Kalker (now President of Sprague Products); Eddie Goodman (now Dept. Head in Planning); Don Meiklejohn (now Assistant Dept. Head in Methods Dept.); Odvar Ness (now Chief of Life Test Engineering).

WEDDING

December 30, Geraldine Brundige (now in Field Engineering) and Lawrence Bishop (now in Centrifuge Dept.).

BIRTH

December 24, A daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Adam Novak (Adam is now Foreman in Dry Rolling Dept.)

Names and Faces in the news:

Anna Gorman (now Mrs. Norman Lamoureux, a supervisor in Metal Clad Dept.); Clara Domenick (now Mrs. Raymond Marceau of Metal Clad Dept.); Frances Solari (now a supervisor in Union Street Plant); William Spencer (now of Ind. Oil Dept.); Dot Blanchard (now of Ceramic Dept.); Barbara Beebe (now Mrs. Frederick Crandall of Ind. Oil Dept.); Dot Boutwell (now in General Accounting Office); Hazel Gregory (now Mrs. John Camadine of Metal Clad); Casimer Ziemlak (now Foreman in Metal Clad Dept.); Margaret Cutler (now at Union St. Plant); Anna L. Sinclitico (now of Mica Dept.); Marie Piantoni (now Mrs. Richer of Paper Rolling); Mary Cwalinski (now in Metal Clad); Gladys Clerc (now of Dry Rolling); Stephanie Szurek (now Mrs. Theodore Kulp of Misc. Paper Assembly); Edna Szurek (now Mrs. Henry Cwierniewicz of Misc. Paper Assembly); Rita Bishop (now of Production Engineering); Peter Mancuso (now Section head in Production Engineering); Emile Filiault (now Foreman in Small Order Dept.); Marion Scarbeau (now Mrs. Roy Caron of Dry Rolling); Clayton Collins (now of Research & Engineering); Yvonne Davison (now supervisor in Metal Clad); Dorothy Bliss (now of Filter Dept.); Charles McNulty (now of Impregnating Dept.—Brown St.); Thelma Sherman (now Mrs. Charles McNulty of Impregnating Dept.—Brown St.); Clarence Bliss (now in Research and Engineering); Mary Rogge (now Mrs. Guido Maselli of Hi-Rel. Dept.); Phyllis Brooks (now of Ind. Oil Dept.); Anna Lucy Simonelli (now of Prokar Dept.); Mary Gilbert (now Mrs. Raymond Chalfoux of Metal Clad); Irene La Cross (now Mrs. Edward Boucher of Clarinol Dept.); Exilda Gibeau (now Mrs. Kenneth Suprenant of Misc. Dry Assembly); Esther Mazza (now Mrs. Edward Poplaski of Sandia); June Lamoureux (now Mrs. Norman Chenail of Advertising); Tina Turgeon (now Mrs. Henry Vareschi of Paper Rolling); Rita Siciliano (now Mrs. Ernest Jones, Jr. of Brown Street Office); Harold (Kit) Carson (now Dept. Head-Time Study); Ernie Purpura (Chief Section Engineer in Product Engineering); Peter Jobin (now Foreman in Paint Shop); Carl Perry (now Foreman in Maintenance Dept.); Andy Girgenti (now Foreman in Maintenance Dept.); Art Caron (now Foreman in Maintenance Dept.); Gertrude Gentile (now Mrs. William LaFountain of Metallized Paper Dept.).

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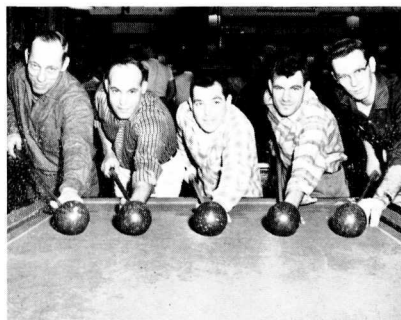
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BASKETBALL

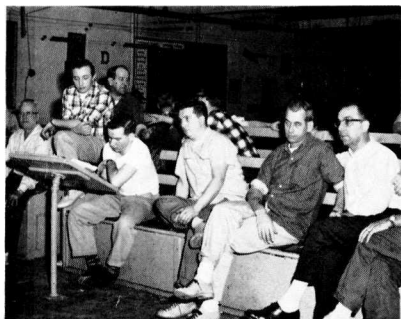
BOWLING



About to put the ball in the corner pocket is the Maintenance Team, the first half Men's Bowling League Champions. From left to right they are: 'Flash' Estes, Frank Maroni, Mel Peck, Walt Braman, and Dick Gotzens.



The Western Electrics are the first half champions of the Girls' Bowling League. They are (l to r): Vishy Wisniewski, Clara Shakar, Gert Volpi, Nancy Harvey and Lee Charbonneau. Not present when the picture was taken, are Olive Coddaira and Theresa Pedercini.



Keeping a sharp eye on the other bowlers and on the score sheet while waiting their turn to bowl are: (l to r): Mike Morin, Jerry O'Neil, Ernie Blondin, Billy Fortini, Frank Stawartz, Jr., Jack Brooks, Ernie Johnson, Bernie Duval, Al Volpi and Joe Morin.



Keeping a close watch on the score board is the High Quality team from Brown Street with their mascot. Front row: Sally Tallarico, Mae Veazie, Laurie Conroy (mascot), and Esther Smith. Back row: Millie Conroy and Gert Schmidt.

Men's and Women's Bowling Leagues at Half-Way Mark

Recently completing their first half schedules were the Sprague bowling leagues for both men and women. As it has been in the past, the victors of each league were not decided until the final matches. In the Women's League, Western Electric edged out the strong Sprague Keys by a mere two points, while the Maintenance team sneaked by Industrial Oils in the Men's League.

Competition has been keen and interest in the second half schedule is all ready running high.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE
1ST HALF STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST
Western Electric	51	9
Sprague Keys	49	11
Tantalum	43	17
L.B.M.	39	29
M. C. Tabs	38	22
Industrial Oils	37	23
Nicolettes	33	27
Hi-Rel	32	28
Mix-Ups	27	33
Pixies	24	36
C. I. Goslings	22	38

Seven-Ups	20	40
Ad Products	20	40
Merrittes	16	44
Filterettes	16	44
Coolerettes	13	47
High Single (Individual) —		
Blanche LePage (Seven-Ups)		
High Triple (Individual) —		
Lee Charbonneau (Western Elec.)		
High Team Single — L.B.M. 495		
High Team Triple —		
Western Electric 1415		
Most Strikes — Arlene Decoteau and Gert Volpi 8		

Top Five Averages:		
Eddie Jones	94.1	M. C. Tabs
Vishy Wisniewski	91.9	
		Western Electric
Hazel Martel	91.4	M. C. Tabs
Jerry Macchia	91.3	Sprague Keys
Phyllis Schmidt	91.3	Tantalum

MEN'S LEAGUE
1ST HALF STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST
Maintenance	35	7
Industrial Oils	33	9
Sprague Products	32	10
Western Electric	32	10

FP Ovens	24	18
Incoming Inspection	20	22
R & E	20	22
Can Shop	19	23
Plating	19	23
Management	17	22
KVA	15	27
Production Engineering	11	28
Quarter Century Club	8	34
Clorinol	7	35
High Single (Individual) —		
Dick Gotzens — Maintenance		
High Triple (Individual) —		
George Shakar — Industrial Oils		
High Team Single —		
Western Electric — 552		
High Team Triple —		
Industrial Oils — 1604		
Most Strikes — Andy Girgenti — 15		

TOP FIVE AVERAGES

George Shakar	107.5	Ind. Oils
Frank Santelli	103.9	Ind. Oils
George Forgea	103.5	Maintenance
Andy Girgenti	102.9	Management
Edward Ames	102.5	West. Elec.

The Creed of an American

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon if I can. I seek opportunity—not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled, dulled, by having the State look after me. I want to take the calculated risk to dream and to build; to fail or succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenge of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the state calm of utopia.

I will not trade freedom for beneficence, nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud, and unafraid; to think and act for myself; to enjoy the benefits of my creation, and to face the world boldly and say:.... This I have done!

Robert C. Sprague

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likely, because more than 3/4's of all new cars built today include an auto radio. Now that the steel strike is behind us, the automobile industry expects to make more than 6 1/2 million cars compared to 5.8 million in steel short 1959. The automobile radio producers are particularly good customers of Sprague Electric, so we should benefit from good business with them this year.

It might be mentioned here that although parts manufacturers, including our Company, were not directly affected by strike-induced shortages of steel, there was some effect on our business in the last several months, when some of our customers began to feel the pinch in steel and either deferred delivery on open orders or delayed placing new orders with us until they were able to see more clearly what their own rate of operations was going to be.

One disturbing and largely unknown factor is the extent to which foreign competition may cut into the market for radios. In the first 9 months of 1959, almost four million radios, mostly transistorized, were imported from Japan alone and it has been estimated that Japan may currently be accounting for as much as 60% of the transistorized portable market. Studies are underway by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization to determine the extent to which imports of transistorized radios and of transistors themselves may effect U. S. transistor manufacturers' ability to meet the needs of a national emergency, and the electronics industry will continue to watch developments in this vital area with keen interest.

For several years now, sales of industrial and commercial electronic devices have rivaled home entertainment in size and importance for our industry, and may in fact have moved slightly ahead in the year just past. This segment of the industry covers computers and data-processing equipment, all types of commercial aircraft and ground communications and navigation aids, industrial control systems, and instrumentation, as well as all types of test and measuring equipment, medical equipment, etc., which utilize electronic circuitry.

We have many products which serve this growing market; in fact, virtually every plant and division of the company makes some item that goes into commercial electronic devices of one sort or another. Outstanding examples that might be mentioned are the magnetic components of our Special Products Division, high-quality paper tubulars, filters, resistors, and the large oil-filled capacitors made at Brown Street.

Sales of semiconductors last year showed the largest increase of any product in the component field. Production of transistors of all types for 1959 totalled approximately 82 million units worth \$220 million, compared to 47 million valued at \$113 million in 1958. Certain types of transistors used in non-consumer products showed even larger gains, however; for example, those capable of operation at frequencies in excess of 5 megacycles are estimated to have increased from 4 million to 19 million units, and because of their higher unit value probably represented \$107 million, or nearly half of the total dollar volume in transistors. This fact reflects the growing importance, in both military and commercial data-processing devices, of high-speed switching ability as a computer logic tool.

It is interesting to note that the ultra-high speed transistors made by Sprague under its license from Philco Corporation are the fastest computer switching transistors available on the market today. According to a recent study made by the Department of

Defense, seven of these types account for 12 million out of a total of 38 million units which the Armed Forces estimate they will need to buy in the 2 1/2 years ending with 1960. The other 26 million units are widely divided among no less than 558 types, manufactured by some 40 companies.

All in all, our Company is in an excellent position to participate fully in the expected growth of the electronics industry in years to come, provided we remain alert to the needs of our customers, and are flexible enough to adapt ourselves to the many technical changes that affect our business. For example, impact of semiconductor technology on both military and industrial electronic equipment will continue to make itself felt, especially in the parts business where new types of capacitors, resistors, and inductors are being developed for use in transistorized circuits. In end equipment, microminiaturization and greatly improved reliability will be major concerns, and these too will continue to affect companies like ours.

The electronics industry in the 1950's has passed through the most rapid period of technological change in its history. As we look forward to the 1960's, there does not appear to be much prospect of any slackening in the pace, although a few guidelines are beginning to stand out more clearly. I believe that, as an industry, our problem will be not so much what to do, but rather how to do the things we know need to be done, and do them in a manner which will insure continuation of the sound economic growth which is vital in any business.

Shields and Russell

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partment. He started with Sprague in August 1935 following his graduation from Drury High School the preceding June. He is a former officer in the Management Club having been secretary, treasurer, and a member of the Board of Control. He is married to the former Mary Rice of North Adams and they have four children, Mary Lou, a sophomore at Regis College in Weston, Mass.; John Michael, a freshman at the Citadel in Carlton, South Carolina; and Sandra and Teresa at home.

Also with the same employment date, August 1935, is Kenneth Russell. He has held various positions in Industrial Oils as foreman, supervisor and group leader. He also worked in the Can Shop previous to working in Industrial Oils. He is a graduate of Drury High School and is very active in community, Church and Sprague activities. He has held various offices in the Management Club including the presidency, and was a former sport's editor of the Log. He is married to the former Lillian Blair.

Suggestion Awards

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sees an acceptance rate of 41% which is well above the national acceptance average of 33%.

Honors for receiving the highest single award of the year are shared by William Hattat of the Bennington Plant and Ralph Lewis, Sr. of the Resistors. Their ideas were worth \$150 for each of them. Two other employees were able to crack the \$100 barrier. They were William Douglas of Salvage and Donald Fortini of Tantalum Formation.

With the beginning of the New Year it becomes an appropriate time to start turning out ideas and submitting them to the Suggestion Committee. For accepted ideas there are money awards which can help you in many ways; a vacation, sports equipment or the like. See your foreman or department head for a suggestion application.



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